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Rep. Oldenburg Selected to Serve on Suicide Prevention Task Force

MADISON – Earlier today, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos appointed Representative Loren Oldenburg (R-Viroqua) to the newly-created Speaker's Task Force on Suicide Prevention. The task force was established to help educate and help save lives in Wisconsin.

"I think this is a great learning opportunity, and a good way to positively impact families throughout our community, said Oldenburg regarding his appointment. "Statistics show that the impact suicide has on our agricultural community alone is far reaching and unfortunately, too often, hits close to home."

Adult males between the ages of 45-54 are at the highest rate for suicide, and <u>teenage suicide in</u> <u>Wisconsin is on the rise</u>. The task force plans to hold a number of hearings across the state in the weeks ahead.

If you, or someone you know is struggling, please consider calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or text the crisis text line at 741741. Wisconsin also has a number of resources available at https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/mh/suicideprev.htm

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The 96th Assembly District includes all of Crawford county, most of Vernon county, and a portion of Monroe county. The largest cities within the district are Prairie du Chien and Viroqua.